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WILSON TAKES UP CASE OF RUSSIA

Discusses the Big Problem With
French Statesmen.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS BLOCKED

No One Found Who is Qualified to
Speak For the Russian People, and
the Allies Hesitate to Recognize
Any One Faction—Thousands Re-
ported Starving in Petrograd and
Wilson Would Relieve Distress.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and the French statesmen already have taken up the Russian problem, and the determination of a definite policy of which all the allied countries and the United States may agree will be one of the first things undertaken at the preliminary meetings which are to precede the peace conference.

Russia's plight and the attitude to be adopted by the victorious associated nations is recognized as one of the most serious problems of the peace conference. Every proposed solution so far is said to have been blocked by the unanswered question of who is qualified to speak for the Russian people.

The government at Omsk, of which the United States and other governments have expected much, is now in the hands of a dictator and split into factions. Prince Ioffe, who was premier in the Kerensky cabinet and who has devoted most of his life to the development of the zemstvo system in Russia, and Boris Bakmeteff, Russian ambassador in Washington, appointed by Kerensky, as well as Professor Paul Millukoff, Kerensky's minister of foreign affairs, are on their way to Paris or already there, with other prominent Russians, to do whatever they can to aid the allies in the solution of the Russian problem.

Alexieff, Denekine and other Cossack leaders are in control in the Cossack districts on the Don and at Orenburg, and are maintaining a government more nearly stable than any other in Russia at present, unless it is at Archangel, which is operating in accord with the allied forces in the north. The Cossacks also are extending their control over nearly all of the Ukraine.

Far from according any recognition to the soviet regime at Petrograd, the United States some time ago called upon all civilized nations to condemn the Bolshevik reign of terror. Even when a set of leaders is recognized as Russian spokesmen, the United States and the allies must face the great question of how they can be aided in setting up a stable government and in preventing famine, for the benefit of Russia herself and in the interest of the peace of the world.

Gloomy reports of the situation in Russia, particularly at Petrograd, continue to reach the state department. The condition of the middle classes in Petrograd is said to be extremely bad, and great numbers are dying daily of starvation. The Bolshevik section is reported gaining numerically because it controls the distribution of food.

OVER 4,500 SQUARE MILES

American Third Army Occupying Big
Slice of Germany.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The American Third army now occupies a strip of Germany containing more than 4,500 square miles. It is supervising the administration of several hundred villages and operating hundreds of miles of railroads and streetcar lines. The methodical taking over of this tremendous responsibility, with the multitudinous needs of hundreds of thousands of hostile people, will be almost entirely accomplished within 15 days. There is not a precedent in history for the occupation, which is also remarkable in that it is finished without a single hostile demonstration by either inhabitants or troops. An army of 250,000 men marched between 200 and 300 miles within a month, starting almost immediately after weeks of the hardest kind of fighting. In the last six weeks men and officers have undergone probably the most severe physical test that any American army has ever experienced.

SHOOT UP BANK

Auto Bandits Kill Cashier and Escape
With \$10,000.

New York, Dec. 14.—Bandits killed the cashier of the East Brooklyn Savings bank, fatally wounded the paying teller and escaped in a taxicab with \$10,000 loot. In one of the boldest daylight robberies in New York police history. After shooting up the bank the bandits backed out of the door, jumped into a waiting taxicab and dashed away, firing at pedestrians from both sides of the car. The car broke down in front of Hamburg Avenue police station. There the highwaymen separated and escaped with the money.

The name of the dead cashier was Daniel C. Peal. He was shot through the heart. Henry W. Corns, assistant treasurer, who also was shot, died later.

A bed Davenport is a useful and ornamental piece of furniture, very appropriate for Xmas. See the display of Davenports at W.A.J. McDaniel's.

A Merry Christmas
to Our Readers
Wherever
They May Be

WILSON PRESENTED WITH GOLD MEDAL

Elaborate Ceremony at the City
Hall in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 17.—President Wilson was presented with the gold medal of the city of Paris at an elaborate ceremony at the city hall. Mrs. Wilson was presented a diamond brooch adorned with an enamel dove.

The reception at the city hall was impressive. The president was received by the municipal council at the main entrance and walked through the spacious corridors, which were tastefully decorated. More than 5,000 people, mostly women, were within the building. The women cheered the president.

Adrien Mithouard, president of the municipal council, read the address, the president replying in loud, clear tones, in which there was a tinge of emotion. After the official ceremonies the president inspected the various departments in the city hall.

President Wilson visited Versailles, where the final meeting of the peace conference will be held.

Reds to Quit Petrograd.

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Stockholm says it is reliably reported that the Bolshevik government intends to evacuate Petrograd and establish headquarters at Nijni-Novgorod.

ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM

Adopted by Automobile and Highway
Associations.

Columbus, Dec. 16.—A vigorous campaign to have the coming general assembly adopt a progressive road-building program, incorporating the patrol system, will be launched by the Ohio State Automobile association. This was the word brought back by delegates from Chicago, where they attended a national meeting in the interests of good roads. Delegates from highway associations and automobile clubs of the country attended. Resolutions were adopted urging the government to appoint a highway commission to have supervision over all roads of the country. Delegates declared that roads should be under federal control, as well as other arteries of travel, such as railroads.

Twenty-five delegates representing the Ohio State association were in attendance. They discussed plans for a campaign to have automobiles taken off the personal tax duplicate and the enactment of legislation making it possible to have auto taxes revert to a fund to be used for the maintenance and construction of roads.

SLEW PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL

Assassin Killed By Crowd in the
Streets of Lisbon.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Dr. Sidonio Pais, president of Portugal, was shot and killed by an assassin while he was in a railway station at Lisbon waiting for a train to Oporto.

The tragedy occurred at midnight Saturday.

Advices from Lisbon reporting the assassination say that he was struck by three bullets.

President Pais died within a few minutes after he was shot. The president's assassin, named Joaze, was killed by the crowd. Tagarinha Barbosa, minister of the interior, has assumed the presidency.

Dr. Sidonio Pais was formally proclaimed president of Portugal on last June 9. He headed a revolt in Portugal in December, 1917, and was named president of the provisional government on Dec. 9, a few days more than a year before he was assassinated.

Dr. Pais was a professor of mathematics in the University of Coimbra when he entered the Portuguese cabinet in 1911 as minister of public works. At the outbreak of the war he was Portuguese minister to Germany and remained in Berlin until the early part of 1916, when he returned to Lisbon. While provisional president Dr. Pais declared that Portugal would continue in agreement with the allies against Germany.

A smoker stand always pleases a man. See our line of smoking stands and hum-dors at W.A.J. McDaniel's.

BILLION BUSHEL WHEAT CROP SEEN

Government's Appeal Heeded By
American Farmers.

FIFTY MILLION ACRES PLANTED

Winter Wheat Crop Will Be Larger
By Eighty Million Bushels Than
Any Yield in History of American
Agriculture—Average Spring Crop
Would Place Wheat Production
Next Year Beyond Billion Bushels.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A huge winter wheat crop, larger by 80,000,000 bushels than any yield in history of American agriculture, was forecast by the department of agriculture.

The government's appeal, made before the coming of peace was in sight, saying an acreage of 47,500,000 was desirable, and the guaranteed price of \$2.20 a bushel for wheat stimulated extraordinary effort on the part of farmers, said the department's announcement. As a result, 49,027,000 acres were planted during a long and almost perfect season.

The fall growing season has been one of the best ever known, resulting in the crop being in the best condition ever recorded on Dec. 14 and giving promise of heavy yields.

Allowing for the average spring abandonment of acreage due to winter killing, the department announced that winter wheat gives promise of a total production of 765,000,000 bushels. An average spring wheat crop would place next year's production of wheat beyond 1,000,000,000 bushels and exceed the record crop of 1915. Last year's spring wheat production was 363,000,000 bushels.

After the official forecast of record-breaking wheat production had been made public there was considerable speculation as to whether the government would sustain a loss in supporting the guaranteed price of \$2.20 per bushel through the 1919 production year. Opinion on the subject apparently was divided.

Some officials said the government is assured of full return on all the wheat consumed in the United States because of the control of markets and shipping, and that American consumption probably will be greatly expanded with all restrictions on its use removed. They also said it was not at all certain that even the bumper crop of American wheat will produce a world surplus, with Russian sources shut off and the new Argentine crop being absorbed now by France and England as fast as it is threshed.

In other quarters it was said that, with the war ended, the great stocks of wheat in Australia and India will be available for world consumption, probably at prices below the American guaranteed figure. If these stocks prove sufficient for European requirements, some see a possibility that the government will lose on whatever surplus of wheat there is over domestic requirements.

REHEARING ORDERED

Validity of Cincinnati Occupational
Tax to Be Tested.

Columbus, Dec. 16.—Chief Justice Nichols of the state supreme court asked Attorney General McGhee to participate in rehearing, Jan. 8, of the Cincinnati occupational tax suit. It is a test suit of the city auditor to determine whether an occupational tax on lawyers and physicians is constitutional. The tax was imposed as a financial relief measure for Cincinnati. It was argued once before the supreme court, but the court has asked for reargument. Presumably because of the interest of the state legislature in the untangling of the tax problem facing it, the attorney general has been requested to participate in the occupational tax suit.

Too Many Judges, Says Donahay.
Columbus, Dec. 13.—There are too many judges in Ohio and in many instances salaries are too high for the amount of work done, says State Auditor Donahay in his annual report to the governor. Figures compiled by him show that 139 common pleas judges drew \$588,776, and probate judges \$250,842. Each common pleas judge receives \$3,000 from the state and \$25 additional for 1,000 population in his county. The least that most counties in the state should do, Donahay says, is to combine the common pleas and probate courts, thereby saving the probate judges' and clerks' salaries.

Republican Leader Quits.
Trenton, N. J., Dec. 16.—Former Governor Franklin Murphy of Newark, a leading figure in Republican state politics for a quarter of a century and a member of the Republican national committee for 18 years, has resigned from the national committee because of his advancing years.

Wants Blockade Raised.
London, Dec. 17.—Mathias Erzbacher, who headed the German armistice delegation, has again complained of the severity of the terms of the armistice. Erzbacher asks for raising of the blockade, liberation of prisoners of war and the immediate opening of peace negotiations.

Geo. Newcomb, of the firm of Newcomb & Zempfer, who has been seriously ill with the flu, got down to work the first of the week after a siege of three weeks.

Would-Be Jail Breaker an Old Offender

Leroy Binkley, recently arrested and locked up in the county jail on a charge of forgery, was last week detected trying to saw his way to liberty. One iron bar had been cut off and two more were partly cut through when the sheriff saw all traces of the work as it progressed. Binkley is alleged to have served a prison sentence in Indiana.

Thanks, and Then Some

The Democrat man and his wife acknowledge with thanks recent favors of butchery from our neighbors. Veteran John McGee and his daughter, Miss Emma; and also from Miss Emma and Gabie Hatline, of Center township.

FT. RECOVERY MAN SUICIDES AT LIMA

[Lima Republican-Gazette, Dec. 13.]
J. E. Dumbauld, aged 55, committed suicide by hanging himself at the Crescent Hotel, 228 1-2 N. Main street, Thursday night. The body was found shortly after 7 o'clock Friday morning hanging from the hinge of the door to his room.

According to G. W. Sanders, manager of the hotel, Dumbauld had been drinking since Sunday and had remained in his room the greater part of the time. He had not been seen since early Thursday.

When there was attempt to call him there was no response. After unsuccessful attempts to enter the room and to ascertain what had happened by looking through the transom, Sanders scaled the wall outside the room and entered by means of a window.

Dumbauld had made a rope from the sheet from his bed and fixed the noose about his neck.

Three daughters survive his death.

'Squire Kuhn Passes Up Job

'Squire John C. Kuhn, of Coldwater, recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the soldiers' relief commission, has resigned. His place has been filled by the appointment of Veteran James H. Monroe.

BURT ANDREWS FALLS VICTIM TO PNEUMONIA

B. F. Andrews, better known to his friends as "Burt", died at Greenville last Wednesday night, after an illness of four weeks of pneumonia, terminating in pneumonia. Mr. Andrews had been working at Greenville for several months, following his trade as painter. His sister, Mrs. Blanch, was at his bedside during his illness and death.

He was survived by his father, Wells Andrews, a well known citizen, and two brothers and two sisters. His remains were brought here yesterday. Funeral services will be held this afternoon, with Rev. Horn in charge.

Local Briefs

N. E. Pifer, a Cincinnati Northern car inspector, has moved his family from Bryan to this city.

Mrs. W. E. TouVelle, who has been ill for the past six weeks, was out for the first time this week.

Mrs. Hugh Thomas was called to Robinson, Ill., the first of the week by the illness of her son Frank and his wife. They are victims of influenza.

Installation of officers of Celina Lodge, F. & A. M., to have taken place Wednesday evening, was postponed on account of the influenza.

Paul Nickel, John Kohn and Russell Lobrentz are home from Columbus, where they have been attending the O. S. U., until after the holidays.

The annual election of officers of the Washburn Mutual Telephone Co. takes place to-morrow (Saturday), the polls being open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chas. Hartzog, of West Logan street, recently hurt in a railroad crossing accident at Lima, when an automobile in which he was riding was hit by a Pennsylvania train, is able to be out, although not yet running any foot races.

The funeral of Chloe Yingling, whose death was chronicled last week, took place Saturday, with interment at North Grove. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Yingling, and brother, E. B. Yingling, of Atlanta, P., arrived here Friday. The younger brother, Dr. Estey Yingling, of Lima, was also here to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Supt. and Mrs. Andrew Schunck of the county infirmary were at Columbus this week attending the annual meeting of the State conference of charities and corrections. Mrs. Schunck, an acknowledged authority on infirmary management, read an interesting paper on that subject at the meeting.

STATE TO GROW SEED

Prison Farm to Supply All the State
Institutions.

Columbus, Dec. 17.—Plans are about complete for the growing of all seeds used at the 23 state institutions under the management of the board of administration at the prison farm near London. Early next year hundreds of acres of vegetables will be planted for seed purposes. The board spent about \$30,000 for seed during the past year, and it is claimed that the same seed, or all that is needed for planting purposes, can be harvested at the prison farm for about one-third that amount. A plot of ground especially adapted for seed growing purposes is to be set aside and prisoners from the penitentiary will be detailed to look after the crop. The seed when harvested will be sent to the board of administration, and regulations from state institutions will be issued.

A Stewart Red Cedar Chest is a safe storage for valuable furs and clothing. A red cedar chest would be a very pleasing and welcome gift for any woman. See the line of cedar chests at W. A. J. McDaniel's.

CHANCES SEEM PRETTY GOOD

For State Aid for East and West
Inter-County Highway

County Commissioners Hill and Steinbrunner and County Surveyor Morrison, together with a few other gentlemen of this city and county, were at Columbus the first of the week attending a meeting of the State Highway Commission and to learn what aid would be extended to road building in this county the coming year. They were able to get the ear of the commission and were promised a generous portion of State funds, but it is understood the money is to be applied only on main market or inter-county highways under direction of the State commission, and that the building of a strip of road here and there without any systematic plan will hereafter get scant attention.

The contract for a mile and a half of concrete on the west end of the Celina-Wabash inter-county highway, let last summer, is to be completed the coming year, but it is doubtful if it will be further extended until the link between this city and St. Marys is taken up and completed. This plan seems favored by the state, and since its desired are paramount are likely to be followed or nothing doing.

Before this work is undertaken the kink should be taken out of the road east of town. The road has an abrupt and foolish turn the north east of Edgewater Park that should be eliminated. East Market street should be extended through the park, building the roadway on the north side of traction line to avoid a crossing where the road would intersect the St. Marys road. Whether this has been considered by those who are likely to have the work in charge we do not know, but it should receive attention at the earliest possible moment and nothing left undone to hinder its accomplishment.

THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. John Gast, sr. (nee Desch), aged 64 years, one of the best known women of this city, died a week ago last night, after a week's illness of influenza. She had been at the home of her son John nursing the two grandsons, whose deaths were chronicled last week, until a few days preceding her death. Grief over the loss of her grandchildren and the absence of her youngest son Leo at Camp Merritt no doubt broke her spirit and hastened the death of the good woman.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Desch, who was born at St. Johns, P. R., 1854. She was married to Mr. Gast in 1871. Five years later they came to Celina, where they resided.

The deceased is survived by her husband and eight children—John, jr., Andrew, Leo, Matilda, Sister Margaret, Mrs. Geo. Pulskamp, Mrs. P. A. Ockly and Mrs. Alex Miller, of Ottawa.

Funeral services were held Monday evening and the remains deposited in the mausoleum to await the arrival of her son Leo before her interment.

Mrs. L. V. Gibson, of West Fayette street, aged about 35 years, died yesterday afternoon after a two weeks' illness of influenza and pneumonia. Besides her husband, four children survive her. The Gibsons had been living in Celina only about a year and a half, coming here from Washington C. H., Ohio. Mr. Gibson is employed at the Schunck harness store.

L. N. Hamilton, 59 years of age, died at St. Marys Saturday. He was born February 9, 1859, near Mendon, in which vicinity the early part of his life was spent. March 30, 1882 he united in marriage with Mollie Parrett of Mendon, who preceded him in death, April 2, 1918. For 16 years Mr. Hamilton taught country school in the vicinity of Mendon. Coming to St. Marys about 20 years ago he took up employment with the St. Marys Wheel and Spoke company and till the time of his final illness was a faithful employee of this institution.—St. Marys Leader.

UP TO HIGH COURT

Right of Liability Companies to Do
Business in Ohio.

Columbus, Dec. 14.—The right of liability insurance companies to insure employers who carry their own workmen's compensation risks is involved in a case heard by the state supreme court. The lower courts have held that the insurance companies may not lawfully write such insurance, under the provisions of the Ohio workmen's compensation act, and if this holding is upheld by the high court these companies will be left absolutely without any authority to do any kind of business in Ohio. Former Governor Judson Harmon and A. I. Vorys of Columbus, appearing as counsel for the companies, contended that they have the right to engage in such business.

FUEL OIL KILLS SEAGULLS

Stick Fast in Fluid From Wrecked
Steamer and Starve to
Death.

Seattle, Wash.—Thousands of dead seagulls soaked with fuel oil strew the waters of Lynn canal near the wreck of the steamship Princess Sophia, according to steamship captains arriving here. When the Princess Sophia was swept on the rocks of Vanderbilt reef her fuel oil tanks burst, releasing the oil, which soon covered the water for a great distance. The gulls alighting in the water were instantly made helpless and soon starved to death.

Warren L. Trenary, chairman of the Mercer county draft board, is in receipt of a very complimentary letter from Gov. Cox for the splendid part he took in helping to mobilize "the greatest fighting force the world has ever seen." "We in Ohio," the Governor adds, "are proud of the record made in the work of the draft, which has been completed without tinge of selfishness or hint of scandal in any quarter."

Give Furniture for Xmas

Put your gift money into presents that will brighten the home. Give furniture for Xmas. Every home needs some new piece of furniture—a new rocking chair, library table, a new table, dining chairs, buffet, ladies' writing desk, and many other pieces that are useful every day in the year. These are gifts that count. For good furniture gifts, call at W. A. J. McDaniel's.

Notice to Tax-Payers

I just received notice from the State Board of Health not to allow a crowd in the office, so come early. Don't wait until the last week to pay tax.

Yours truly
PERRY BAKER, Treasurer.

Wanted

Cabinet makers and piano makers in every department. Bell Bros. Piano Co. Muncie, Ind.

Wanted—Agents

Earn big money. Every housekeeper wants Madam Blumer's Blumery, 25c package. Saves cost of 48 eggs in baking and cooking. Goes like wild. Mrs. Fiske made \$8.25. Mrs. Ritter \$6.75 in a day. You can, too. Free samples. F. J. Blumer, Lincoln avenue and Roscoe, Chicago.

Among Soldier Lads

The name of W. E. Hole, of Coldwater, appears in a recent casualty list as among the seriously wounded in France.

Leo Gast is home on a furlough from a training camp in New Jersey, being called here by the death of his mother, Mrs. John Gast, sr.

Lieut. Robert TouVelle, with the Eighty-third division in France, writes under date of Nov. 23, that he is well but has no idea when he will put his feet on American soil.

Wm. Gebel writes his mother, Mrs. Felice Gebel, he is with the American army of occupation on the way to the Rhine. Since his letter was written his division, the Thirty-second, has reached its objective.

John Pierce, in the aviation department at Smithfield camp, at Americus, Ga., has been spending his few days' furlough with his parents in Center township.

Cashier John Pulskamp has received letters from his son Raymond, in France, written since the close of hostilities, saying the quietness of his surroundings was in strange contrast to what they had been undergoing.

Roscoe Dehays, a grandson of Veteran and Mrs. Joe Dehays, former Mercer county people, was in town last week on a visit to his uncle, Commissioner John Now, on his way to his home at Findlay. He had recently been honorably discharged from camp at Norfolk, Va.

Memorial services were held at Mendon Sunday for John Yocum, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yocum, killed in action in France, November 5. He left for Camp Taylor, May 25, with a contingent of Van Wert boys. He was 25 years old. A brother, Gus, is also in France.

A letter from Dr. Frank Ayers to his wife in this city, under date of November 17, intimates that he will soon be back in the States from France. Base hospital No. 17, where he is located, has 500 wounded soldiers able to be sent home and were awaiting orders. He expects to return with them.

Pivate Howard Kuhn, writing to his sister Eva from Base Hospital 75 in France, under date of Nov. 21, says he came out of the war rather lucky, with only a piece of shrapnel in his hip, and his wound is all right now. He said Fred Jewell was at the same place, but not in the same hospital.

Zeno Sacher, who has been in limited service at Newport News, Va., the greater part of the time since leaving Celina last August, reached home Wednesday, having been honorably discharged. His job at the Weening barber shop still remains at his disposal, and he will soon be telling the patrons how the news of the armistice was received at Newport News.

Ray Collins, one of the sons of the late Judge F. S. Collins, who is in service in France, writes his mother that he expects to remain overseas during the reconstruction period. Ray was one of the village mail carriers before he was inducted into service, and is well remembered in Sunday school circles, being for some time secretary of the county Sunday-school association. Two other brothers are in the service—Albert, who had just passed through two weeks at the front under shell fire, and Adina, at a remount depot at Grezres, France.

Ben Adams, in an interesting letter to the Standard from Belgium under date of Nov. 25, says "Corporal William Woods and Corporal Chas. Boroff, of Celina, and Corporals Tony Caspersen and Chester Cummins, of St. Marys, members of Co. K of the Old National Guard, have had the honor of taking part in a parade at Brussels before King Albert. The parade consisted of troops from the U. S. A., France, England, Scotland and Belgium, the only event of the kind that has ever taken place up to date.

Earl Houser, a former Celina boy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Houser, now residents of Phoenix, Ariz., was in town this week visiting his old friends, leaving yesterday for Columbus. Earl is a member of the navy, receiving his training at Goat Island, Calif. He has been seeing service on the Atlantic, and has two trips across to his credit. He was on the U. S. S. Schurz when she was torpedoed by a submarine about a hundred miles off the North Carolina coast. At present he is on the U. S. S. Wilmette, from which he has been enjoying a short leave. While here he paid a visit to his grandfather, the Veteran Wm. Pontius, at Rockford.

John Pond, who was in service at Van Couver barracks, is again at home, having been honorably discharged.

Mrs. Wm. Pumphrey, who has been in ill health for some time, and the past six weeks confined to her bed, is reported some better this week.

A Gunn Sectional Book Case makes a lasting gift. "Give your books a home." Beautiful in design, have the appearance of a solid case; no iron bands between sections. See the Gunn cases at W.A.J. McDaniel's.

GEORGE ENGLE A SHARP OLD GUY

Is Way Ansonia Banker Sizes
Him Up—Looks That Way

George Engle, a well known character of Ansonia, Darke county, aged 73, put one over several business places here last week, and has since been counted among the missing. George was regarded as sort of easy going fellow and had gained the confidence of those with whom he came in contact. He had been employed on the L. E. & W. section here since last summer and has been staying at the Logan Street House, and that hostelry is holding the bag for a couple weeks' board.

Engle's principal victims, so far as has come to light, are John Morrow, a grocer, who is out \$25, which might have been \$35, but John had no more loose change around when Engle presented a check for the latter amount. He prepared a couple of his victims for the raid by telling them in advance he was looking for a check from Ansonia in the sum of \$83 and would like them to cash it when it came, and they tell for the game right readily. The same evening a check for the latter amount, \$83, which he had one cashed at Simon & Gable's saloon for a like amount. Later he appeared at Depweg's saloon, where he treated a party and tendered a \$50 check in payment, which was duly honored. Engle has not shown up since, and is not likely to unless the officers locate him.

FINALLY FOUND A TURN IN THE LANE

Rev. W. T. Lyons, who succeeded Rev. Frank Snavely as pastor of the Celina Circuit Churches of God west of this city, coming here from Wayne county, has been enumerating the good things that have been percolating in upon himself and family recently. Rev. Lyons and his congregations have not been able to get much business since his assignment here almost five months ago, though it seems the fault of neither one or the other. In meantime, however, the pastor had enough to discourage a robust man, and probably would have thrown up his hands had he not been pretty much Irish and accustomed to reverses and plenty of hard knocks. When he and his family landed in Celina he was not a well man, and when he was sufficiently recovered to tackle his work along came the influenza and shut up his churches. During this time his very flesh and bones commenced to shrink and he cast about to find some work to meet his living expenses. He applied to the furniture factory for work, but he overestimated his strength and a day or two there put him on his back with the flu, and then his family, not a very small one, for he had obeyed the injunction of increase and multiply—joined him in his misery, and his good wife had her hands full, among strangers in a strange town. About this time his congregations got on to the fact that things were not going well with their pastor, with whom they had relied not yet come in contact, and they commenced to get busy. Things look different now, even if the flu that was off again is on again. "Communication" has been established, the food cargoes are arriving, and as soon as the flu takes a tall timber there will be a getting together of the pastor and his flock that will atone for the months that have had everything but a silver lining for Rev. Lyons and his family.

LIEUTENANT LEISER SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Lieutenant W. A. Leiser, of Ft. Recovery, son-in-law of Dr. J. A. Schirack, of St. Henry, was seriously wounded October 3, according to a message from the war department last Saturday. Lieut. Leiser before tendering his services to the government was a well known young practicing physician of Ft. Recovery, and had been in France since last summer. Letters home would indicate he had been much at the front since that time. His wife and little son are at the home of her parents at St. Henry, and it is hoped his injuries are less serious than reported and he may soon be home with loved ones again.

TONS OF CHRISTMAS CANDIES AT MORROW'S

John Morrow's grocery is headquarters for Christmas candies, fruits and nuts. Three tons of fancy candies—1